

THORNBERRY / INHOFE Highlight Achievements In FY20 NDAA

Today, HASC Ranking Member Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX), and SASC Chairman Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-OK), highlighted important achievements in the FY20 NDAA. The NDAA advances America's security, implements the President's National Defense Strategy to confront Russia and China, continues restoring readiness, and gives our troops and their families the support they deserve and have earned. It fulfills Congress's Constitutional duty to defend the country.

Advancing America's Security

Resources: The FY20 NDAA authorizes \$738 billion in base/OCO funding (incl. \$12 billion in military construction), & additional \$5.3 billion emergency funding for disaster recovery for NC, FL, LA, CA, and NE.

Modernizing to Deter Russia and China: supports acceleration of weapons development and purchases:

- Adds 12+ F-35s (90+), amphibious ships, P-8s, E-2s, V-22s, \$265M for National Guard equipment, \$130M for Army hypersonics (all long-range missiles funded), \$75M for next-gen helos, \$275M for 5G development, increases to S&T funding, F-16 radars, C-130 upgrades, Army trucks, cyber programs
- Supports 24 F/A-18s, 8 F-15Xs, 3 DDGs, \$1B 6th-gen fighter request, carrier, unmanned subs, 10-sub buy, 154 Army helos & thousands of vehicles, all munitions, ballistic missile defense programs

Rebuilding Readiness: The NDAA continues to recover from the Obama-era readiness crisis by making critical investments in operations and maintenance accounts, modernization, and military construction.

Space Force: The NDAA recognizes space as a warfighting domain and establishes the United States Space Force as the sixth Armed Service of the United States under the Air Force — the first new branch of the military since 1947 and a priority of President Trump.

Nuclear Modernization: The NDAA fully funds our nuclear modernization efforts across all legs of the triad and allows DOD to deploy low-yield nuclear weapons and increase plutonium pit production.

Acquisition Reforms: The NDAA strengthens and secures the industrial base, holds the Pentagon accountable for implementing previously passed reforms, and improves DOD access for innovators and small businesses.

Supports Allies and Partners: The NDAA contains measures to improve security cooperation programs and build capabilities of allies and partners. It requires new reports on ally and partner nation contributions.

Supporting Our Troops

Troops and Their Families: The FY20 NDAA supports a 3.1 percent pay raise – the largest increase in a decade – and extends special pay and bonuses for service members. It also doubles the reimbursement allowance for professional licenses, takes steps to remedy child-care waitlist backlogs on military bases, and improves the moving process.

Housing Reform: The NDAA includes a landmark overhaul of privatized military housing by including a new Tenant Bill of Rights, increasing transparency and oversight measures such as banning the use of non-disclosure agreements, and holding contractors accountable — all while ensuring the chain of command puts the health, safety, and welfare of service members and their families first.

Repeals the Widow's Tax: The NDAA includes a fiscally responsible, three-year phased repeal of the requirement that Survivor Benefit Plan payments be reduced by Dependency and Indemnity Compensation payments.

PFAS: The NDAA prohibits the use of firefighting foam containing PFAS after October 1, 2024, with an exception for shipboard use, and encourages SECDEF to finalize plans with states for remediation.